(h) if so. the detail- thereof;

(c) what are the details of the budgetary provisions, in this regard; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALL1KARJUN): (a) to (d) Survey for Lalitpur-Singrauli (491 kms) has been taken up. Further action will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Complimentary passes to freedom fighters

1386. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact thai the complimentary card passes issued to the Freedom Fighters are not valid on Rajdhani and Sbatabdi Express trains;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to extend the validty of the passes on these trains also; and

(c) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE: MINISTER OF STATE 'IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALUKARJUN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Rajdhani amd Shatabdi Express trains are special type trains having different fare structure. In view of the very limited number and capacity of these trains, complimentary pass holders are not being permitted.

Book stalls agreements in Indian Railways

1387. SHRI N. E. BAKARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sole selling rights clause had been withdrawn during the currency of all the bookstal agreements on Indian Railways as pel letter No. 75 TCIII/461/19' dated 2nc January, 1976; and

(b) if so. what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALUKARJUN): (a) Zonal Railways were advised *vide* Board's letter No. 75/TG111/461/19 dated 2.1.1976 that the sole selling rights clause should be withdrawn from the agreements of all the bookstall contractors except M/s A. H. Wheeler *&* Co. and M/s Gulab Singh *&* Sons.

(h) This wan dene with a view to restore the right of the Railways to grant licence 'for bookstall to any other party.

Modernisation of Kurla railway station

1388. SHRI N E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) wherher it is a fact that the Central Railway has developed a third terminal of modern design station near Kurla Station as publisitted in the Sandhya Times dated the 13th ' February. 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a sum of Rs. 50 crores is likely to be spent for construction ci new passenger platforms and other allied facilities at Bombay V.T. Station as stated by the General Manager of Central Railway; and

(c) what are the details of stations seelcted for modernisation and construction of new passengers platform in the next three years in Central and Western Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTN1STRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Modernisation of stations including construction of new platforms is. a con tinuous process and the same is done as per traffic needs. subject to overall availability of funds on year to *year* basis.